

**ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**  
**THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

***MARTHA WITH MARY***

**17<sup>th</sup> July 2016 - Psalter Week 4 – Missal Page 111**

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Martha welcomes Jesus into her house, into her life, into the way she thinks and acts. But although she invited Him she didn't get what she expected!

In the world of the spirit, 'sisters' are a symbol for side by side realities. It's not a case of pitting one against the other, but about discovering how they need and complement each other.

In today's Gospel story, Mary is presented to us as the contemplative who 'sits at the Lord's feet' absorbing His teaching. She is literally hanging on His every word. Martha is presented as the 'busy bee' who has lost the connection between what she is doing and her contemplative heart. One of the first signs that this is happening to us is that we find ourselves moaning and complaining about everything and everyone.



Martha is 'distracted' but she knows how to fix her problem. She needs help from her 'sister' but she can't find her. She knows where she's hiding, so she asks the Lord to do her bidding. He hears her, but He sees things differently. He sees how worried and anxious she is, but He knows this has nothing to do with multi-tasking. It's because she has not yet kissed the 'one thing necessary'. The Gospel says that Mary has chosen the better part, or the 'good' part, or God. The solution is not for Mary to become Martha or Martha to become Mary but for them to find a relationship with each other which is rooted in their relationship with God. Martha needs to join Mary because she is moving from her contemplative heart and it is this that will make her effective.

From the Sufi Wisdom stories:

"Master, I saw a man who could fly."

"So what, a bird can fly."

"Master, I saw a man who could live under water."

"So what, a fish can live under water."

"Master, I saw a man who, in the twinkling of an eye, could move from one town to another."

"So what, Satan can do that."

"If you wish to find something really amazing," the master continued, "find me someone who can be among people and keep their heart in God."

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Agnes O'Farrell†
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Angelina Ediale
		10.30am	Mass	Joseph Lewis†
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Hughest†
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Martin, Mary Kate & Silvester Tighe†
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	School Mass	St Margaret Clitherow - Leavers

## ST MARY MAGDALENE

Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	School Mass	St Joseph's - Leavers
		11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	John O'Sullivan†

## ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, FEAST

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	
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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	23 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Helen Considine†
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Edith De Souza†

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community  
and for those who care for them.**

**Sick and Housebound:** Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Brian Mecklenburg, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peggy Pendergast, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, and Yvonne Gantzer, David McCann, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper.

**Those who are unwell or in hospital:** Bill Guilfoyle, Brian Mowatt, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Mary Williams, Patricia Holmwood, Tom Larkin, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock

## DATES AND NEWS

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Please note, newsletter deadline for all items is Wednesday 12.00 noon.

**SERVICE OF HEALING – THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the Service of Healing and afternoon tea last Sunday such a special afternoon. A particular thank you to Fr Danny and to those who gave lifts, prepared cakes and sandwiches, served tea and set up and tidied up the church and hall. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who were unable to attend.

**WYD 2016** – All our parishioners are sending prayers and blessings to Tom, Larissa, Jason, Lesley, Lizette and Abigail as they embark on what is bound to be an incredible journey of faith, fun and friendship at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland.

**CHURCH SHOP** – The Church Shop will be closed throughout August. You are welcome to see and buy our many beautiful items and cards that you may want for family and friends, or to take on holiday.

**MASTERCLASS IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** – A series of eight reflections (on CD) by Dr James Finley on Thomas Merton last session on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016** at 7.00pm in the parish hall. If you feel drawn to this Masterclass, please contact the Parish Office.

**TAIZE PRAYER GROUP** – We will be inaugurating this style of beautiful prayerfulness for the whole community. I would like to invite all singers and musicians who are drawn to this new venture to let me know of their availability so that we can wisely choose the right time to come together. This new Ministry of Prayer needs a leader and, if you feel 'called and gifted' to this task, please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH DAY OUT TO ABINGDON & PORTSMOUTH** – At the start of the Holy Year of Mercy in December 2015, Bishop Philip opened a Door of Mercy at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth and a Door of Mercy was also opened at Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon Church in Oxfordshire. St Edmund of Abingdon is the Patron Saint of our diocese. Throughout the year, we are encouraged to go on pilgrimage to either or both churches. Our **Parish Day Out to Abingdon on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016** will include: Adoration and Confessions at 11.00am followed by a celebration of Mass at 12 noon, a guided tour of the church, a picnic lunch and free time to explore the town centre of Abingdon, a 5 minute walk from the church. Some places are still available on the coach which will leave at 9.00am on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016** from outside our church car park and departing Abingdon at 3.00pm for our return journey to Bracknell. To book your seat, please contact the parish office or use the sign up sheet on the noticeboard. Suggested donation towards transport costs: Adult £10, children free.

**FR JAYA APPEAL** - Fr. Madanu Jaya, who visited our parish last year, runs an orphanage and a very poor parish in India. The need is urgent as the monsoon has failed again. To feed, clothe and educate a child takes about £150 a year. If you wish to join the parishioners who have been so generously doing this, or to make any contribution, please leave a cheque in the office payable to PRC DTR Bracknell St. Joseph and marked for Fr. Jaya. See our website under Community and Causes or contact [dominica.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:dominica.roberts@gmail.com) . If you are a taxpayer the parish can add the reclaimed tax.

**TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION** – Every Tuesday evening for 6 weeks on the Essentials of the Faith at St Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead from **14<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
7.30pm – 9.00pm.



**THE PARISH NEEDS YOU** – If you are recently retired, semi-retired or have a few spare hours per week/month to help out, lend a hand, support, be of assistance, rally round, the parish needs YOU. If you wish to offer your assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017** - To all parents of children entering Year 3 or above in September 2016: if you are practising your faith and coming to Mass regularly please register your child on-line through the parish website at <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/> The closing date for applications is **31 August 2016**.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH RCIA, NEW TEAM** – Help is needed for those who feel drawn to our Catholic faith. There is no need to be an “expert”, just an understanding of our faith that can be gently passed on. Meeting at 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Parish Room. Please come along or contact the parish office.

**THE BRACKNELL LIONS FAMILY SHOW** – On **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016** at Wildridings Playing Fields from 12 noon to 5.00pm. A fun packed day with outside traders, information stalls, arena display, raffle, fairground rides, face painting and much more. Bring a picnic and enjoy the show. All money raised will be used to support the needy and good causes in Bracknell.

**OVER 50'S KEEP FIT CLUB DAYTRIP** - A daytrip by coach has been organized to visit the sea-side town of Weston-super-Mare on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the Church car park at 0830. The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard - or for more information please phone Graham, 01344 425040.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – **Sunday 21 August 2016** at 2.30pm

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** – **19<sup>th</sup> August – 26<sup>th</sup> August**, led by Bishop Philip. Information and Booking Forms are available from the parish office.

**SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING** – **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016** at St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT 10.00am to 12.30pm. To register and book a place contact Soraya Ciccarone [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 02392 836511.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting is on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016** at 75 Qualitas.

**BABY CHANGING FACILITY** – The new baby changing facility is available alongside the ladies' toilet near the hall. We are catching up with the rest of the world.

**PRAYER GROUPS** -The Evening Prayer Group 7:45 - 9.30 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> /3rd Tuesday Church Hall. Daytime group 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup>/3rd Wednesday Church Hall.

**CRAFT GROUP** – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Next meeting **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**, then **10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

**KEEP FIT CLUB** – No sessions through July and August until further notice.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Every Friday after 12.10pm Mass **during term time**.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING** – **Thank you**. Total amount £1408.46. “Apostleship of the Sea” Second offering £448.25. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



**THANK  
YOU!**

Sincere gratitude to all our volunteers and helpers for your time, dedication and commitment.